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**CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
MINUTES**

**APRIL 9, 2008**

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**PRESENT:** Andy Fulton, Chairman; Andrea Alderman, Vice Chairman; Pat Myers; George Malette; Steve Najjar; John Ciampi

**GUESTS:** Ian McSweeney, Chris Kane, Peter Ingraham, Art Siciliano

**I. Call to Order:**

Vice Chairman Alderman called the special meeting to discuss details of the Natural Resource Inventory to order at 5:40 at the Weare Town Office Building.

**II. Natural Resource Inventory:**

Chris Kane and Peter Ingraham attended to present the co-occurrence model. They presented drafts of the maps they have completed to date and described the process of assigning a value to each conservation factor. Each WCC member was provided with a work sheet listing the 4 overall conservation values (wildlife, water, soils, and scenic) and the components of each. Each component needs to be assigned a value such that the total number of points for all components adds up to 100. Members were instructed to assign values independently so that the final number used in the model would be an average of the group's numbers. The resulting co-occurrence map will indicate areas of high conservation value based on the presence of the weighted component values. Chris and Pete will forward a website containing images of the maps and electronic worksheets so members not present can complete their worksheets.

**III. Call to Order:**

Chairman Fulton called the regular meeting to order at 7:08 at the Weare Town Office Building.

**IV. Guest Items:**

March 22, 2008 Gordon Russell letter to BOS re. Mtn. Rd. and PSNH March 28, 2008 email response: Ian McSweeney began the discussion by recapping the status of the PSNH restoration plan work at Mtn. Rd. The work has been on hold for the winter, but some work has resumed. It appears PSNH has pulled out a stone culvert that may not have needed to be removed and was not part of the restoration plan. In addition, there is one other area where work is being conducted that was not part of the restoration area. Ian's interest in attending was to update the commission and to urge a follow-up to Gordon Russell's letter. Steve mentioned that all stone culverts are now eligible for the historical register. Andy confirmed that we would follow up with DES regarding the new

issues to the restoration plan and readdress the issue with the BOS on April 21. After the meeting on the 21<sup>st</sup> we will consider next steps and a joint site walk.

Draft open space conservation easement language and plan for Townes' cluster subdivision – Sugar Hill Rd.: Chuck Bolton began the discussion and addressed 2 concerns. One regarding the clause on hunting, and the other regarding allowing farming on the open space. There was lengthy discussion on how to go about inserting language to allow farming on open space easements in general. The Agricultural Commission will be working on this in the future. The group was in agreement with the notion that open space easements could allow for farming but more work needed to be done in order to address the issue fully. For this particular easement the group felt that we should invite the landowner to discuss specific language and to look into the possibility of PWA holding the easement.

#### **IV. Planning Board:**

High Rock Lot Line Adjustment – Parcel A of Lot 110/77 to Lot 110/7: Art Siciliano attended to present the LLA. The waterfront piece, now designated as Parcel A, will be deeded back to Daniels Development Corp. The group expressed their delight and relief that Parcel A will not be part of the open space.

#### **V. Wetlands Bureau:**

DES Wetlands Bureau #2008-00383 – High Rock Development – March 17, 2008 notice of administrative completeness minimum impact expedited application.

#### **VI. Other Items:**

PRLAC letter of support: Steve made motion for Andy to sign the support letter for grant project. George 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor.

Hawkes/Wilson update: Steve reported that there appears to be enough in the Conservation Fund to move forward with the project. There is the option of protecting a portion of the land now and the balance of the land in 2 years if the entire project cannot be handled at this time.

Eastman Conservation Area prescribed burn: Steve made motion to implement a prescribed burn led by the Weare Fire Department to maintain the fields adjacent to Concord Stage Rd. Pat 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor.

HCPP Grant Application: George gave an overview of the grant and its purpose. Steve made motion that we not sign the grant application due to a perception that the SNHPC has not been supportive of town conservation concerns. Pat 2<sup>nd</sup>. There was a lengthy discussion over the pros and cons of signing. Cons centered around a discontent with SNHPC. Pros included appearing willing to work within the structure that is in place, even if there is discontent with it. The group intends to participate in the process if the grant is approved, but felt it important to send a message to SNHPC. Andrea, Andy, John, Pat and Steve in favor. George opposed.

April 7, 2008 BOS briefing: Andy and Steve updated the group on their meeting with the BOS. There was lengthy discussion at the BOS meeting re. the Grauer estate, but they ultimately voted in support of it.

NRI equipment funding: Andrea made motion to authorize expenditure of up to \$4,000.00 from the Conservation Fund for the purpose of purchasing a laptop computer and ArcView software. George 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor.

Spending restrictions: There may be nothing but critical expenditures from the budget until officials have notified departments that spending can resume.

## **VII. Annual Meeting:**

Chariman Fulton called the Annual Meeting to order at 9:30 PM.

George made motion for Andy to remain chair. Andrea 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor.

George made motion for Andrea to remain vice chair. Andy 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor.

John made motion to nominate Pat for secretary. George 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor.

Andy asked for proposed changes to the by-laws. There was a discussion over the purpose of the WOSC and possible changes to that wording. There are three outstanding issues that need increased attention: NRI, stewardship, and readdressing how we handle the open space in cluster subdivisions. The group agreed that additional WCC meetings would be the best way to address these issues rather than delegate those issues to the WOSC.

Andrea made motion to amend the by-laws under XI. B. from “The purpose of the WOSC is to consider acquisition of new conservation lands only.” to “The purpose of the WOSC is to consider acquisition of conservation lands and easements.” Pat 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor.

## **VIII. Minutes**

Minutes of January, 9, 2008: George made motion to accept the minutes of 1/9/2008. John 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor.

Minutes of March 12, 2008: George made motion to accept the minutes of 3/12/2008. John 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor.

## **IX.**

As there was no further business to come before the board, John made motion to adjourn at 11:02. George 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea Alderman